

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Do you think the Strategies and Building Blocks for the new Coyote Valley community explained in this newsletter are heading in the right direction?

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What are your ideas for the future Coyote Valley community?

Please jot down your thoughts along with your name, address, etc., then return this postcard or fax to (408) 277-3250.

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Who is the Coyote Valley Task Force?

The twenty-member Task Force, under the leadership of co-chairs Mayor Ron Gonzales and Council Member Forrest Williams, was appointed by the San José City Council. The Task Force is charged with guiding the preparation of a comprehensive and practical plan for the future of Coyote Valley. As an advisory body to the Council, the Task Force's primary role is to make specific land use, environmental protection, public facilities, infrastructure, financing and other recommendations for the Specific Plan. A complete roster can be found at the Coyote Valley Specific Plan website at www.sanjoseca.gov/coyotevalley/. The Task Force meets monthly and the meetings are open to the public. A list of meeting dates and times can also be found at the website.

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Coyote Valley Specific Plan Consultant Team

The City of San Jose has selected a team of highly qualified consultants led by land planning/ urban design team of the Dahlin Group and Ken Kay Associates to design a unique plan for Coyote Valley. This professional team of award winning national and international urban designers brings broad experience and ideas to the challenges facing us in Coyote Valley. A complete roster of the consultant team can be found at www.sanjoseca.gov/coyotevalley/.

Topics for Future Community Meetings

June 12, 2004 Community Workshop: Interactive community workshop on three alternative design concepts.

August 14, 2004 Community Workshop: Discussion of analyses of three alternative design concepts, and community identification of a preferred alternative design.

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unique, vibrant, balanced community of at
least 50,000 jobs and 25,000 housing units.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH BULLETIN

Second Community Workshop Produces Preferences

On Saturday, May 15th, 2004, approximately 120 community members joined with the Coyote Valley Specific Plan Task Force to give input to the Coyote Valley Specific Plan staff and consultant team on the strategies and building blocks for creating a new and dynamic community in Coyote Valley.

The City is excited about this unique opportunity to establish Coyote Valley as a model for “smart growth” planning and development in California and the nation. The City’s overall vision for Coyote, as stated in the San José 2020 General Plan, is a unique, vibrant, balanced community of at least 50,000 jobs and 25,000 housing units, where people will live, work, shop, learn, worship, and play.

At earlier workshops, community members stated their strong



preference for land uses that are sensitive to the environment and well connected through a rich network of open spaces, trails, bicycle paths, roads, and transit corridors. At the May workshop, they expressed their vision for specific transit options, road networks, water features, parks and open spaces, and various building types and urban

forms. A summary of these workshops as well as the full presentation materials are available at the Coyote Valley Specific Plan website at www.sanjoseca.gov/coyotevalley/. In addition, the related story in this newsletter (see Community and Task Force shape strategy for Coyote Valley on page 2) summarizes the input and direction given to the Specific Plan team.

UNFILTERED IDEAS

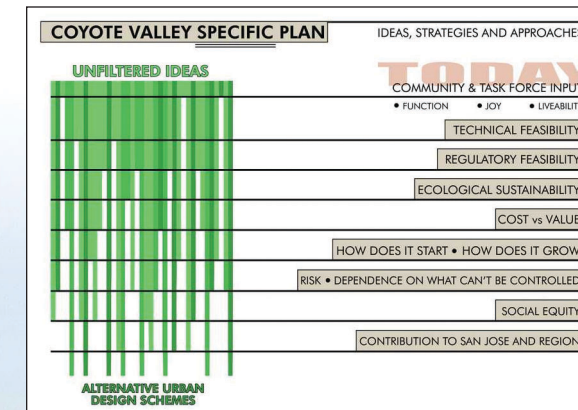
The Coyote Valley Specific Plan (CVSP) effort is undoubtedly one of the most ambitious and exciting planning opportunities ever undertaken in California. This is the right time to begin the planning process for Coyote Valley, so that when the need for growth occurs

San Jose will be ready with a plan in place to guide the creation of a unique new community that is based on exemplary urban design and environmental sustainability. This planning effort involves all interested and affected stakeholders (such as property owners) as well as broader community interests.

As depicted in the Evaluation Criteria chart at left, the planning effort is currently in the “unfiltered idea stage,” in which all ideas are being explored. Once the three alternative design concepts are developed and discussed at the June 12th workshop,

then the technical consultants will evaluate the alternatives by various criteria (including environmental sustainability, cost, risk, social equity, feasibility, , etc.) over the summer. This evaluation, coupled with the community input from prior workshops, will be presented at a community workshop in August, at which time the community and Task Force will be asked to identify a preferred design alternative.

The preferred alternative will form the basis for the development of the Specific Plan, zoning regulations, design guidelines, financing plan, and development phasing schedule. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared for the entire Specific Plan package. Community workshops and Task Force meetings will continue in 2004 and 2005, with public hearings before the San Jose City Council in December 2005 for the adoption of the Coyote Valley Specific Plan and related documents.



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Community and Task Force Shape Strategy for Coyote Valley

At the May 15th community workshop and the subsequent May 17th Task Force meeting, the Coyote Valley Specific Plan began to take shape. Some of the major opportunities discussed by community and Task Force members included:

- Create the Coyote Valley community based upon an “environmental footprint,” sensitive to the area’s unique natural features
- Utilize and enhance the existing Fisher Creek and its habitat
- Link areas within the Coyote Valley with a transit system
- Shape the road network around a “merge and loop” parkway system
- Make the area come alive by starting with a “big idea”

Highlighted below are five strategies for shaping the urban form in the future Coyote Valley.

How is the Community Included in the Planning Process?

The City is committed to involving the community fully in the planning process for Coyote Valley by establishing a thorough and open process that provides numerous opportunities and venues for community input. In particular, the City has established a series of Community Workshops at key points in the planning process to which everyone is encouraged to attend. In addition, the public is also welcome to attend and participate in all Task Force meetings. Once the Task Force makes its recommendation on a draft Specific Plan, public hearings will be held by the Planning Commission and City Council prior to the Council consideration of the Plan in December 2005. A calendar of all meetings can be found at www.sanjoseca.gov/coyotevalley/.

What is the Coyote Valley Specific Plan?

The Coyote Valley Specific Plan (CVSP) is a prerequisite to any development in the Coyote Valley Urban Reserve, and as such is a critical component of San José’s future. Consistent with state law, the Coyote Valley Specific Plan process includes the ability to plan land uses in detail in terms of location and intensity, determine transportation, infrastructure and community services, formulate financing and implementation programs, and phase the implementation of any of the plan elements as necessary. The process also includes the participation of affected jurisdictions, property owners, developers, and other community and regional stakeholders. As with any major planning effort, an Environmental Impact Report is also required.



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